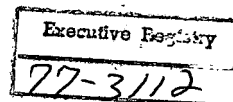


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Mr. Richard E. Hineman
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Dear Evan:

Before leaving as Director of Central Intelligence, I want to express my appreciation to you and your Committee for your personal assistance to me and the excellent work you have contributed to the Intelligence Community.

Each DCI Committee plays an extremely valuable role in the planning and performance of activities that are fundamental to the process of good intelligence. The committees provide a forum for balanced representation of all elements of the Intelligence Community, and an effective mechanism for permitting the DCI to coordinate community-wide intelligence collection and production.

You and the members of your Committee have my personal thanks and best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,


George Bush

*Hang in!!
I'll miss working
with you.*